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Glen Yankis National Park Service 240 West 5th Avenue Anchorage, Alaska 99501

Re: EPA comments on the Final Environmental Impact Statement for the Katmai National Park and

Preserve Brooks River Visitor Access Plan, EPA Project #12-0033-NPS.

Dear Mr. Yankis:

Thank you for the opportunity to review the Final Environmental Impact Statement for the Katmai National Park and Preserve Brooks River Visitor Access Plan (CEQ# 20130022). We have reviewed the EIS in accordance with our responsibilities under the National Environmental Policy Act and Section 309 of the Clean Air Act.

As we stated in our comments on the Draft EIS, we continue to support the selection of Alternative 4 as the National Park Service's preferred alternative. It addresses the need for improved access and docking services while minimizing potential impacts to the Brooks River and other resources of concern. We commend the Service for evaluating a robust range of alternatives to address the Brooks River Visitor Center visitor access needs as well as selecting the environmentally preferable alternative.

Thank you for considering these and our previous comments on this project.

Sincerely,

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